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For: GAS OR AIR FILLED POLYMERIC MICROBALLOONS USABLE AS SUSPENSIONS
IN LIQUID CARRIERS FOR ULTRASONIC ECHOGRAPHY

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Responsive to the Official Action of November 30, 2007 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicant elects the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-16 and 31. This response is made without traverse.

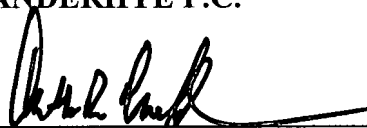
Please examine the elected claims on the merits taking into account the documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 3, 2003.

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